Neurobioethics is a neologism originally proposed by US neuroscientist and neuroethicist James Giordano in 2005, to emphasize "...The importance of acknowledging the often unique, yet iterative nature of neuroscientific information when considering the specific bioethical issues that arise from the field and its applications". Founded in March 2009, the Italy Based International Neurobioethics Multidisciplinary Research and Study Group of the Pontifical Atheneum Regina Apostolorum (APRA) in Rome, Italy, gathers experts from different disciplines, including Medicine, Biology, Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Moral Theology, Sociology, Bioethics, Law, Psychology, Media and Communication, etc., whose specificity resides in an Anthropological perspective that attributes value and dignity to every Human Person, regardless of her condition.

Foundation Day: March 20th, 2009

Adriana Gini, MD, now Co-Chair of the Neurobioethics Group, introduced key Neuroethical issues to professionals and experts from various disciplines gathered at the Pontifical Atheneum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, March 20th, 2009.

Our Mission

Create a forum of professionals and scholars to adopt an authentically interdisciplinary approach.

Promote internal dialogue and debate about the prevailing arguments.

Research and integrate methodology with the contributions of philosophical and anthropological principles.

Ensure that the unrenounceable centrality of the Human Person be adequately developed in studies, research, publications, etc.

Disseminate proposals and eventual guidelines privileging a terminology attentive to the intrinsic and dignity of the Human Person in Neuroscience.

Create a network for supporting dialogue and exchanging, including one on an international level.

Identify incentives so that cognitive scientists research points of contact between neurosciences and a philosophical and anthropological vision centered on the Human Person.

Our First Seminar

In our first interdisciplinary seminar, held at the Pontifical Atheneum Regina Apostolorum, on September 18th, 2009, four speakers and members of our Group, presented on Studying on Consciousness and the Dignity of Man Prof. James Giordano in Washington, D.C. and the Veneto Splendor Institute in Bologna participated in the event through a system of audio-video conferencing.

An Intensive Care Physician, a post-doc Physicist from the Liege Coma Science Group, a Full Professor of Philosophy and Metaphysics and a Catholic Journalist, tackled the main topic from different but convergent perspectives.

Conclusion: Every Human Person has equal dignity regardless of her status or clinical condition.

Some Photos from our Album

Meeting in video-conferencing at the Pontifical Atheneum Regina Apostolorum in Rome

Our Logo

For our logo, we have chosen a tree in a light blue background, whose crown is made up of human brains and resembles an encephalon. A man and a woman, in contrasting colors, stand out.

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